

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1-5, 8 and 13 and amend claims 6 and 7. Claims 6, 7, 9-12 and 14 are pending in the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner:

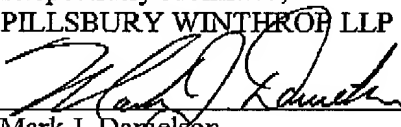
- Allowed claims 9-12 and 14;
- Objects to claims 6-7 as being dependent on a rejected base claim; and
- Rejected claims 1-5, 8 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gupta et al.

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended the allowable claims as suggested by the Examiner, and have canceled all rejected claims. Accordingly, the pending rejections have been rendered moot and all claims should be allowed.

If any issues remain which the Examiner feels may be resolved through a telephone interview, s/he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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